



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VISTA
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We are called to be an authentic, accessible and inclusive community
in Christ, celebrating and extending God's love into the world.

March 31, 2024
7:00 a.m.
Early Riser Service

Gathering Music with Praise Band

Morning Has Broken

Words: Eleanor Farjeon

Music: Trad. Gaelic melody, harm. Carlton R. Young

Pastoral Welcome with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Opening Prayer with Rev. Frank Hallock

O radiant God, in the midst of crippled hopes and shattered dreams, you worked your brightest surprise—the shining glory of the risen Christ. Even now, you are birthing new hopes and prompting new dreams. Our eyes are open wide—seeing traces of your glory in the lemon blossom and the rosebud, noticing that your blessing leaves a calm in our hearts and a patience in our voices, sensing your presence in the breaking of bread, the embrace of a friend, the planting of a seed. O radiant God, with songs of praise and hearts of gladness, we serve you as beams of joy and candles of hope. In the name of our risen Lord. Amen.

Song with Praise Band

Mighty to Save

Words & Music: Ruben Morgan and Ben Fielding

Scripture

[Mark 16: 1-8](#) (NRSV)

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.



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Easter Message 1

What Are You Looking For?

Rev. Frank Hallock

Affirmation of Faith with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

I believe in God, Creator of all things seen and unseen,
rock, river, tree, animal and force,
who made me and set me on my path in this world.

I believe in Jesus, beloved Son of the Creator,
took on the human form, born of a woman through the power of the Holy Spirit,
was raised within a family and community.
This man, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, made himself vulnerable to the world,
endured the lies and violations of humanity,
withdrawing only to pray and teach the way of grace.
He walked a servant's path, through violence and death on the cross,
and rose from the dead, defeating the tomb and restoring creation forever.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, my advocate and the mystery of Creation.
I believe this Spirit settled in my soul before I even drew breath,
brings me into communion with all people, past, present and future,
and calls me to be a pilgrim of a sacred way, meeting people where they are,
showing compassion and care.

I believe in the Kin-dom of all Creation, a family under the heavens,
where and when no one is excluded and all belong.
I believe I am called, the hands and feet of the Kin-dom,
to claim life, share joy and love and extend mercy to all. Amen.

***Call to Offering and Action** with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Invitation and Dedication: Prayer

Source of life, may the works of our hands bring you honor. May the life we live reflect the risen Word of life. May the service we offer be inspired by the Breath of life. Amen.

Closing Song with Praise Band

Shout to the Lord

Words and Music: Darlene Zschech



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Benediction of Faith with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Your light is the only light we need as we travel through life's mystery.

Your word, the only voice we hear that still small voice that leads us
to the place where we should be.

Your presence is the only company we need as we walk this narrow road.

Your fellowship, the warmth we crave to help us on our way

May the truth of Easter, the joy of Easter

and the blessings of Easter be with us this day and all days. Amen.

Pastors: Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw, Associate Pastor of Music and Visitation,
Rev. Frank Hallock and Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister



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Announcements

Today, Easter Sunday:

7:30 - 10:00 a.m. - Easter Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, upper social hall

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service (with Deaf Interpreter)

Following worship service, Easter egg hunt

ONLINE Worship - Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 10 am. Celebrate the Resurrection! Rest, Renew, Reconnect on the Sunday after Easter. We will be online for worship only, and we encourage us all to take time for a service opportunity, to visit and worship with a Community Partner church or take time with family.

The **Call to Offering and Discipline** highlights our response to God's sacrificial grace through our commitment to personal discipleship and financial support. Each week during Lent we will reflect on our commitments to our faith and personal relationship with God through prayer, alms giving, repentance and reflection. Our local congregation and United Methodist connection live our faith in many ways by supporting the ministries in our building and into the world. Your giving starts here and is multiplied by God. Thank you for your commitment and care.

Giving thanks for your Support and Contributions: You are essential to all we do for Vista and beyond. Please consider making a financial contribution to the ongoing work of this faith community. Your monetary gifts can be dropped in the offering box, put through the secure mail slot near the office or use your credit card at the Scrip table. Thank you!



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